

Nicholas takes division crown

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VERMILION — Nicholas County's eighth grade girls basketball team captured the championship of the northern division of the Bluegrass Conference, Saturday, with a win over Woodford County.

The young Lady Jackets took a 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter, led 23-16 at intermission, pulled out to a 36-22 lead after three quarters and went on to win 46-38.

Foul trouble plagued the Jackets throughout the game and Jackie Cash Barbara Kenney had nothing but praise for the continued good play of her reserves.

"We're a team that goes deep into the bench, we have all season, and if we hadn't had a good bench Saturday, we would not have been able to win it."

"We had one player miss more than half the game before fouling out, and then we had another player go, while the reserves continued to play well."

Kim Denkins led Nicholas County in scoring with 15 points and pulled down a game high 12 rebounds.

Elizabeth Schandling had 12 points and three steals, while Tawnya Livingston had six points and five rebounds, as Jennifer Wiloughby had six points and three steals.

Alicia Sibert had five points and Melanie Jones had two points to round out scoring for the Jackets.

The win over Woodford County avenged the only regular season loss sustained by the Jackets for the second time.

Nicholas County took a win last week at Woodford and had to travel there again for a third meeting to decide the championship.

The two conference losses handed to Woodford County were both against Nicholas.

In the first meeting of the year, in Carlisle, where Woodford County claimed it, the visiting Yellow Jackets applied full court pressure to take the win.

In the subsequent games, Woodford County continued to press, but the Jackets were able to break the press and work for the inside game.

Kenney pointed to the inside play of her big players as a key to the win.

"Saturday, most of Woodford County's points came from the inside with Denkins, Jones and Livingston."

"It was a great win and allowed us to reach one of our goals for the season — the division championship and now we have to move on to tournament play."



Not quite enough

Tawnya Livingston drives to the basket for a layup against Woodford County, last Saturday in Versailles. Nicholas County captured a 46-38 win over the Tigers in taking the undisputed title for the northern division of the Bluegrass Conference. Nicholas County lost the season's first meeting with Woodford County in Carlisle, but has been able to put together back-to-back wins over Woodford County in Versailles. The Tigers' only losses of the season in the Bluegrass Conference, Nicholas County's opening game in tournament play Monday night, will play Paris, Tuesday night and should the Jackets advance will host a game Thursday night and again Friday for the championship should the Jackets continue winning.

Accountability pattern changed at Western Ky.

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BOWLING GREEN (AP) — The athletics department began reporting directly to president of Western Kentucky University after a Faculty Senate report was critical of the department's spending, and at least one other Kentucky college is studying the arrangement.

This follows a trend set at Morehead State several years ago.

"Athletics play such a highly visible role on any college campus that given the concerns that have been raised, I made the decision — to move the athletic department under me to have a more direct line and link to their activities," said Western's president, Thomas Meredith.

Meredith made the remarks Thursday, after a board of regents meeting in which board members approved the transfer of the athletics department control from administrative affairs to the president.

Meredith said the move was partly spurred by Faculty Senate scrutiny of athletics spending.

Meredith began overseeing the department in July.

Western is the second regional university in Kentucky to have its athletics department report to the president. Morehead State University athletic director Steve Hamilton has reported to the president for at least five years, a spokesman said.

Marion State, Eastern Kentucky State and Northern Kentucky State and Eastern Kentucky State are also reporting to deans or vice presidents, with the president having ultimate authority over the department.

Pan-O-Rama slated November 25

The Nicholas County Second Annual Basketball Pan-O-Rama will feature some of the most promising names in high school basketball as well as full afternoon of high school competition.

Lee Cruse, head coach for the Nicholas County varsity

basketball team and organizer of the event, said last year's games, except for one, were close. No team will be composed of two 15 minute halves.

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raiser for basketball teams, Cruse said.

The games will begin at 11:00 a.m., November 25, with Estill and Fleming County. The last two games will feature the Nicholas County Girl's team up against Montgomery County and the Boys versus West Carter.

Grid season ends at Harrison

By Josh Shepherd
For The Carlisle Mercury

The Bluejackets will have had two weeks to prepare for the game against Harrison County and Greg Letcher said the game will be the toughest team Nicholas

has faced all season.

"After this game, Harrison goes in to the state playoffs. They have a quality team with experience on the line and skilled people in the backfield," Letcher said.

"We have some very competitive pairings. They should be good," Cruse said.

However, the format of the game will be altered from that of regular season play. Each game will be composed of two 15 minute halves.

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Dogs chase Wildcats for 34-23 win

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By Ed Shiner
AP Sports Writer
ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Rodney Hampton said he doesn't judge his own performance.

"I'll let other people do it," Hampton said Saturday after scoring three touchdowns and rushing for 184 yards in Georgia's 34-23 Southeastern Conference victory over Kentucky.

Coch Ray Goff was more than willing to judge Hampton's ability.

"He's just plain a great football player," Goff said. "He's an exciting player to watch and it's nice to see him operate in the open field."

Hampton's scoring runs covered 11, 20 and 32 yards as Georgia continued its domination of the Wildcats.

It was the Bulldogs' 11th victory over the Wildcats in the last 12 years and saddled Kentucky with its 15th consecutive road loss in SEC competition.

"It's easier with Rodney in there," Georgia quarterback Greg Talley said of the star tailback who has missed one game and portions of two others with

ankle and knee injuries.

"His play speaks for itself," Talley said. "He's just fun to watch."

Hampton gained his 184 yards on 31 carries and also caught four passes for 43 yards.

Hampton scored his third touchdown with 2:45 to play and it was followed by Kentucky's biggest play of the day, a 100-yard kickoff return by Kurt Johnson.

"We just didn't make the plays today," Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne said. "When you don't make the play in this league and the other team does, you lose."

Georgia (4-3 overall and 3-2 SEC) also scored on Talley's 34-yard pass to Arthur Marshall and on John Kasay field goals of 20 and 22 yards.

Kentucky (4-1, 1-3) hasn't won an SEC road game since beating Tennessee 17-2 in 1984. It was the 14th road setback in a row in all games for the Wildcats, dating back to a 37-20 victory at Cincinnati in 1989.

Talley, seeing action in only three quarters, completed 11 of 19 passes for 172 yards, including an interception on the first play of the game.

Kentucky got a 37-yard field goal from Ken Willis in the second quarter and Freddie Maggard threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Bobby Henderson in the third, following it with a two-

point conversion pass to Kurt Johnson.

The Wildcats cut the lead to 10 points with 4:14 remaining on Andy Murray's 2-yard run —

Eastern escapes with 38-36 win

(5-3, 2-2) a 7-0 lead after one quarter.

The Colonels responded by scoring 21 consecutive points on touchdown runs of 7 and 3 yards by Thomas and a 7-yard run by Lorenzo Fields.

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